



# TRAFFIC ALERT

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## **ROUTE 35 BRIDGE TO COURTLAND CLOSING JANUARY 5, 2015**

*Detour to be set up along Route 58/Business Route 58 (Jerusalem Road/Main Street)*

**COURTLAND, Va.** – The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) wants to alert drivers in Southampton County to possible traffic impacts associated with the closure of the Route 35 Bridge to the Town of Courtland. Construction of a new bridge over the Nottoway River will start on January 5, 2015, and traffic will be detoured in both directions.

The current Route 35 Bridge (also known as the Darden Memorial Bridge) was constructed in 1929, and is structurally deficient and weight restricted. Waterfront Marine Construction Inc. will be building a new bridge with important safety updates. The widened roadway will feature 12' lanes with 8' shoulders, and a bridge clearance of 26' above mean high water.

There is a seven-mile detour planned via Route 58 and Business Route 58. Detour signs will be in place to direct traffic through the detour and access the Town of Courtland from Route 58 onto Business Route 58 (Jerusalem Rd. and Main St). Town of Courtland businesses will remain open and accessible throughout the duration of the project and bridge closure.

The bridge closure is expected to last until Fall of 2015. VDOT will continue to update the public as construction progresses and will alert drivers when the bridge re-opens.

For more information, visit VDOT's project page:

<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/rte35bridge.asp>

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